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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: RFE - RL Funding

1. In meeting with Mr. Ralph Preston today, he told me the Chairman had called him over yesterday afternoon to brief him on the morning meeting on the Agency budget. The Chairman appeared to take it all on board with no question and, in fact, he seemed satisfied on all counts with Mr. Preston's report.

2. Regarding RFE and RL monies for the coming year, however, Mr. Mahon stated that he did not want these monies

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He does not want this item available to members to use as a springboard for discussion of how the monies have been handled by the Committee in the past.

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3. I told Mr. Preston that I would report the Chairman's desire immediately. I also refreshed Mr. Preston's recollection that in the event other funding sources from the Congress or whatever are not found, with result that the Radios would have to be closed down, the Agency would still be obligated in about the same amounts [REDACTED] of closeout costs. It is Mr. Preston's opinion that, for the moment at least, this problem of closeout costs will have to await further resolution of the question of funding for continuation of the Radios.

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